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REMARKS

Applicants hereby request further examination of the subject application in view of the amendments and remarks presented herein.

In view of a restriction requirement, applicant has canceled claims 10-13 because they are directed to a non-elected invention.

Examiner rejected claims 1, 2, and 4-7 under 35 USC § 102(e) as anticipated by Hunt et al. Applicant has canceled claim 1. Applicant has amended each and every one of claims 2 and 4-7 to henceforth be dependent on claim 3, which the examiner has deemed to be allowable. Therefore, claims 2 and 4-7 contain allowable subject matter, and the rejection is overcome. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection.

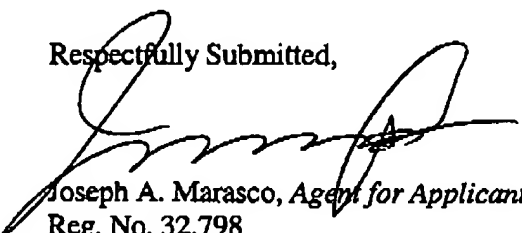
Examiner rejected claims 8 and 9 under 35 USC § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Hunt et al. Applicant has amended each and every one of claims 8 and 9 to henceforth be dependent on claim 3, which the examiner has deemed to be allowable. Therefore, claims 8 and 9 contain allowable subject matter, and the rejection is overcome. Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the rejection.

Examiner objected to claim 3 as being dependent on a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Applicant has amended claim 3 to be an independent claim that includes all of the limitations of claim 1. The examiner's requirement having been satisfied, applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the objection.

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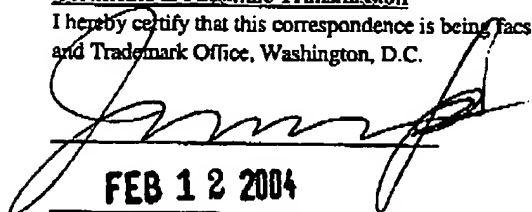
In view of all the above amendments and remarks, it is submitted that the Examiner's rejections are overcome, and that applicants' claims 2 - 9 are in condition for allowance. Applicants therefore earnestly solicit allowance of claims 2 - 9, and the issue of U.S. letters patent therefor.

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